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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Intelligence
Department of the Air Force

SUBJECT: Request for a Departmental Indication of Priority Interest in a Study of Soviet Capabilities in Foreign and Domestic Mapping

25X1A5a1 1. The Central Intelligence Agency signed a contract with the [redacted]
25X1A5a1 [redacted] on 11 June 1951, to undertake a study and prepare estimates of Soviet capabilities in foreign and domestic mapping to include geodesy, aerial photography and photogrammetry.

2. Members of the MIS, the Map and Photo Committee of the Joint Staff of J.I.C./J.C.S. as well as technical specialists of the Map and Photo Branch, G-2, the Army Map Service, the Hydrographic Office, and the Aeronautical Chart and Information Service were made cognizant of the purpose, objectives and scope of the project. Indications of their interest were noted and taken into consideration in the final drafting of the attached outline.

3. It is now desired that the detailed and specific interests of the intelligence and technical areas of the Department of Defense be given the fullest possible consideration in the prosecution of the project. Accordingly, it is requested that your priority interests in the subject matter as outlined in the attachment be indicated on a copy of the attachment by major topics and also by sub-headings within each major topic and returned not later than 6 August 1951. It is also suggested that a liaison be established in each intelligence agency for purposes of providing a continuing coordinating contact with the CIA project Administrator for the duration of the project. 25X1A9a

25X1A9a 4. The CIA Administrator designated for the project is [redacted] It is requested further that he be given access to all information through Top Secret bearing upon the subject-matter of the project to ensure the fullest consideration of all available data in the undertaking of analyses and preparation of interim and final estimates. 6

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5. All results produced in the course of the work will be available to the intelligence agencies through the above-mentioned coordinating points. Formal reports will also be made through established intelligence reporting channels.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

/s/

MAX F. MILLIKAN
Assistant Director
Research and Reports

Enclosures: (3)
As stated above

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